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to the Commission**

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Subject: Provision of services at the Italian Prime Minister's Office

An inspection of the website of the Italian Prime Minister's Office reveals that, in 2014, a number of works, supply and service contracts were awarded following a negotiation procedure that did not involve prior publication of an invitation to tender – despite these contracts entailing far larger sums of money than the thresholds established by Article 7 of Directive 2004/18/EC, subsequently amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1336/2013.

A number of these contracts – identified by the tender identification (CIG) codes '5537773AD6' and '5537569280' – relate primarily to the provision of services for various well-known news agencies.

Does the Commission believe that the above case constitutes a breach of EU legislation? If so, what action does it plan to take?